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## Mayor Byrd Speaks to Black Community on Race Relations

by Julia Arbutus

Mayor Colin Byrd had some advice for how to educate and empower Black boys and men on the subject of race relations in the midst of the Black Lives Matter movement in a keynote address he gave on Thursday, October 29.

His address was part of a larger panel discussion entitled, *Where Do We Go from Here? A Holistic Approach to Race Relations in the Age of Black Lives Matter*, which was sponsored by the Psi Epsilon Omega (PEO) Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha

in partnership with the Pearl Elegance Foundation, a non-profit created by PEO to promote charitable engagement in the communities of Bowie, Laurel and Greenbelt.

PEO Chapter President Benita Swindell said the event was aimed at the parents of Black boys, Black men and their children, to help educate youth on race relations and draw them into the conversations surrounding Black Lives Matter.

Byrd's address began with the discussion of the death of Em-

mett Till and the similarities he sees with America today, noting that the date of the panel marked a year since the U.S. Justice Department had quietly shut down its investigation into the death of 12-year-old Tamir Rice.

"Sixty-five years later, Black boys and Black men still cannot go into stores without being subjects of intense scrutiny and suspicion," Byrd said. "Sixty-five years later, we still march because Black Lives Matter."

Byrd outlined seven things Black boys need as society moves forward. He said they need love in a world filled with hate, discipline, limits, high expectations and parents they can talk to. Byrd continued by stating that the most important needs, and the reason this panel was gathered, were the need for pride, the need for life and the need for the Black community.

"Black boys need to live. It sounds basic, but as we confront the questions and this issue of Black Lives Matter and as we see what's happening to Black boys and Black men around this country, I must say this plainly, but I must say this with some emphasis: Black boys need to live," Byrd said.

He added, "Black boys cannot ultimately thrive if they don't first survive, and Black boys in particular survive only with the support of the Black community."

Byrd encouraged the Black community to help others, particularly Black boys, by working toward policy changes in the local, state and national governments.

"As we talk about Black Lives Matter, I specifically as an

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Carleigh Ezzell, dressed as a Ladybug, leaps at the Jazz/Hip Hop Club outdoor event on Halloween weekend. See more photos, page 12.

## CARES Offers Customized Online Classes During COVID

by Lesley Kash

Greenbelt CARES's Judy Hering and her cadre of volunteer teachers have been delivering in-person English lessons, school-age tutoring and GED preparation classes for many years in the Clubhouse at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. COVID-19 has brought unwelcome changes. Gone for now are the holiday potlucks, welcoming hugs, clothing exchanges and pep talks that have made the Clubhouse not only a schoolroom but an oasis of acceptance and shared progress. Though change is difficult, the show goes on, online.

It took years to build the merry crowds that Hering welcomed to the Clubhouse, and Zoom can never be the same. Not all clients are able or equipped to make the online transition quickly or

easily. Life has become hectic and stressful for many of Greenbelt's adult learners as they deal with homeschooling, insufficient technology, lost jobs and food insecurity.

To meet the schedules of such students, the new CARES class schedule offers more choice than ever before. In hour-long Zoom sessions (every day at 10 a.m. and at other times throughout the week) Hering teaches as well as creates and supervises break-out sessions. In addition, many students have been paired up with teachers for one-on-one virtual sessions timed and designed to meet students' individual needs. With the recent addition of volunteer teachers from the

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### What Goes On

**Thursday, November 5**  
**7:30 p.m.** Public Hearing: Eviction (including Rental/Late Fees) Ordinance

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**8 p.m.** Council Worksession: Eviction (including Rental/Late Fees) Ordinance

**Saturday, November 7**  
**9 a.m. to noon**, Community Shredding Day (see ad on page 8)

**Monday, November 9**  
**8 p.m.** Council Meeting

**Wednesday, November 11** Veterans Day. No meetings. All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltd.gov](http://greenbeltd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

## New Citizens and New Voters Learning Here in Greenbelt

by René Sewell-Raynor



PHOTO BY INGRID GOMEZ

Ingrid Gomez (left) votes with her mother, Carmen Rivera, a first-time voter and new citizen. Like the Alyasiri family in this article, they are participating in a U.S. election for the first time.

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We can all take a collective breath. This election cycle has come to an end. Your candidate may or may not have won. Political ads will be replaced with holiday buying ads, but what about first-time voters. What did they think?

One day I found my neighbor, Hassan Alyasiri, testing the mailbox. It was broken and he mused out loud that important mail was at risk – like passports. Later, I learned that he was expecting his first American passport. He and his two adult children, Nora and Mohammed, had been sworn in as citizens in Baltimore. When

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## Greenbelt Mask Makers Win Community Partner Award

by Cathie Meetre

Although unable to attend the ceremony in Rockville, the Greenbelt Mask Makers felt privileged to win the Montgomery County Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) Community Partner of the Year award. Early in the pandemic – in fact before COVID-19 received pandemic status – ARC staffer

Kimberley Njowusi requested masks from the Greenbelt Police Station, the Mask Makers' initial portal for mask distribution. The Greenbelt organizers noticed on the daily manifest that Njowusi had asked for five masks per day (the maximum per applicant) on every open day and so contacted her directly, realizing that unless she had a family of 50, that was a lot of masks.

In a sense, she had a family more numerous still. She was desperately seeking masks for

her ARC client base, whose personal challenges made acquiring masks an almost insuperable obstacle. The Mask Makers mobilized its reserves to meet ARC's immediate need and provided additional masks later. The five police station masks per day were

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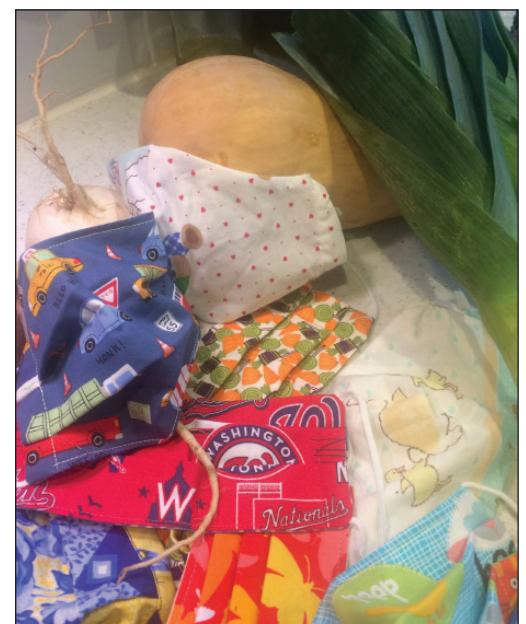


PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

The selection of masks available at the Farmers Market includes kid-sized and themed ones as well as seasonal variations.

# Letters to the Editor

## A Safer Greenbelt Rd.

I am gratified to see that Greenbelt will be partnering with Beltway Plaza, and the cities of College Park and Berwyn Heights, to move forward with plans to make Greenbelt Road safer for pedestrians and bicyclists (Safer Passage for Pedestrians and Bikers Concerns Cities, October 29, page 1). This initiative is long overdue since this is a major artery linking all three cities and two major shopping areas. I for one hope that decreasing the speed limit and providing a buffer between autos and bicycles will be on the list of priorities.

I am especially pleased to read Mayor Colin Byrd's comment "Let's get it done," along with similar comments voiced by representatives of the other cities. I hope citizens' input will be sought as this project moves forward.

Improvements made to this vital artery that will make it more attractive for bicyclists and pedestrians will also benefit the many businesses and communities along its path. No doubt it will also attract more residents, who are seeking alternative means of transportation, to our communities. A win-win for everyone!

John Campanile



## Maryland's Juneteenth

This month marks the 156th anniversary of the end of slavery in Maryland.

Though our "border" state had the largest free black population in the nation by 1830, it would take a long struggle of abolitionist activity, the start of a Civil War and a historic election which ultimately led to an amendment in the state constitution freeing all enslaved Marylanders on November 1, 1864.

Being located so close to the District, our Maryland Emancipation Day could seem small compared to the prominence of D.C. Emancipation Day in April and Juneteenth celebrations nationwide. Yet each year Maryland Emancipation Day is marked by regional events at numerous historic and cultural sites across the state. Despite this year's pandemic the importance of the occasion was not totally lost, it just meant getting together virtually till we can meet again safely in person.

As a civic-minded community let us never forget what freedom meant particularly to that last generation of Marylanders born in slavery. As Americans we can never afford to become too weary of pursuing the struggle for our constitutional rights, the American dream and a freedom tree of life for all.

Lisa Crawley

## City Notes

Horticulture/Parks planted a Yoshino cherry memorial tree and sanitized playgrounds. Sustainability/Environmental and 26 Weed Warriors planted 235 native plants in the Buddy Attick Park pollinator garden.

Electronics Recycling attracted a record 404 participants. Refuse/Recycling collected 27.28 tons of refuse and 13.04 tons of recyclables. Food scraps totaled 2,133.7 pounds in October. Building Maintenance repaired the Crescent Road crosswalk.

Park Rangers monitored the well-attended Dog Park. A kitten and five cats are in the Animal Shelter.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Fit Club celebrated Halloween and the Youth Center hosted Greenbelt Homes, Inc.'s Annual Meeting. The Aquatic & Fitness Center welcomed two new lifeguards.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted 19 Golden Agers for Zoom Ageless Grace and facilitated meal delivery for 37 seniors. The Museum's online store is open for holiday shopping.

AKA National Sorority volunteers and UMD's Terps4Change joined CARES's virtual teaching program. GAIL hosted flu clinics at Beltway Plaza and the Community Center, providing a total of 235 flu shots.



Autumn's splendor surrounds a lone cyclist at Greenbelt Lake.



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## Election Results

For the first time ever, voting in the 2020 election was not conducted by precinct. Since Greenbelt residents could vote anywhere in Prince George's County, the News Review will not be able to publish any Greenbelt-specific results of the election as we usually do.

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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.

GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

# Wiggler Sell Vermicompost Alongside Farmers Market

by John Campanile



Beth LeaMond and Danny Lewis discuss the benefits of vermicompost with Aileen Kroll.

# Community Events

## Virtual Community Tea Meeting Nov. 12

The Greenbelt Virtual Community Tea now meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next tea will be on Thursday, November 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and is open to all. Feel free to stop by for a moment or stay a while. These teas are strictly social. Sometimes the discussion is on serious topics (COVID-19, Black Lives Matter), other times lighter topics (favorite Netflix, where to get take-out food). To access the zoom link, visit [facebook.com/pg/greenbeltimebank/events/](http://facebook.com/pg/greenbeltimebank/events/). Direct questions to [greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

## GCPS Rally to Support Our First Responders

The public is invited to attend a rally in support of Greenbelt's first responders and their work in maintaining public safety. This rally is sponsored by Greenbelt Citizens for Public Safety (GCPS) and will take place in front of the Municipal Building on Saturday, November 14 from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information email [RobertLSnyder08@comcast.net](mailto:RobertLSnyder08@comcast.net).

## Unplugged Monthly Mindfulness Meeting

Regardless of the results of this year's election, we still may not know how to bring forward a world we can be proud to hand our children or grandchildren. On Sunday, November 8, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. join in a Bohm Dialogue, reflecting on our current situation, our lives and our relationship with the political process today. The discussion will focus on the question "To whom do we give power and why?" The meeting will be held over Zoom. For the link contact [events@greenbeltnunplugged.org](mailto:events@greenbeltnunplugged.org).

## Wanting to Connect Across Greenbelt

Connecting Across Greenbelt is a group of residents who gather to build communication and relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges. To research ways to cope in these difficult times, the group is building a Caring and Connecting Toolkit in association with leading mental health and community health leaders. The group invites all members of the community and their families to access clinically proven grounding techniques at [healthline.com/health/grounding-techniques?c=202249512513](http://healthline.com/health/grounding-techniques?c=202249512513).

To find out about the group's monthly meetings, Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email [communityconnections@gb@gmail.com](mailto:communityconnections@gb@gmail.com).

## Mindfulness Workshop Nov. 14

Mindfulness for the holidays: a virtual workshop will be held on Saturday, November 14, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mindfulness teacher Heidi Schuttenberg will share practices for taking care of yourself and others during the holiday season.

The workshop is offered by donation. For more information and to register, visit [sites.google.com/view/mindful-holidays/home](http://sites.google.com/view/mindful-holidays/home) or contact [heidi.schuttenberg@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.schuttenberg@gmail.com).

## At the Library

Effective November 3, the Library is implementing several key service changes. Curbside service hours will be Tuesday to Friday, 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. at branch libraries. By appointment only, place requests for up to 50 items in advance.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month 2020 this November by visiting the Library's Native American and Indigenous Peoples Heritage Hub to learn about their culture, traditions, contributions and history. Prince George's County is situated on the traditional lands of the Mattaponi, Patuxent, Piscataway, Moyaone and Pamunkey tribes.

### Read Woke Challenge

The Library is participating in the Read Woke Challenge, a national initiative to encourage reading, personal growth and racial and social equity. Readers of all ages are encouraged to read (or listen to) at least five books between now and December 15 that explore diversity, inclusion, equity, anti-racism and the many perspectives of the human experience. Readers can register on Beanstack to participate. All who log five titles through December 15 will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card raffle.

### TeenTober

Two new social media platforms allow teens to engage with staff and each other, @PGCMLS-Teens on Instagram and the PGCMLS Teen Zone Discord Server. Discord is a chat-based social platform similar to Reddit. This new platform will allow teens to engage with peers and participate in meaningful service projects. Teens can visit [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info) to access these online library services with their LINK card number or library card.

## GCAN to Vote for 2021 Initiatives, Priorities

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will be using its Wednesday, November 11 meeting, 7 to 9 p.m. to continue to refine its priorities for the fall and winter, some focusing on community concerns on a variety of issues while others will be legislation, introduced during the 2021 Maryland General Assembly.

Numerous organizations have approached GCAN to endorse and support their campaigns, but GCAN can only effectively work on three or four of these initiatives.

Representatives of the various organizations will describe their campaigns and offer persuasive testimony on why GCAN and its members should put their energies behind these specific objectives. At the end of the meeting, attendees will "vote" for five of the 16 options. Those not able to attend the meeting can take the poll at [tinyurl.com/GCANpoll](http://tinyurl.com/GCANpoll).

More details and the Zoom link are available at [chears.org/gcan](http://chears.org/gcan). For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, [SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com](mailto:SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com), 301-345-2234 (landline, no texts).

## Drop us a Line!

Electronically, that is.

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## Support BLM Legislation

The public is invited to participate in demonstrations held every day at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The purpose of the demonstrations is to make people aware of local legislation relevant to Black Lives Matter issues.

For example, the group of demonstrators encourages passers-by to express support for Anton's Law, a bill before the Maryland House that would establish a statewide standard for law enforcement and use of force, as well as setting standards for transparency in policing.

The demonstrations take place Mondays through Saturdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m.

## Overeaters Meet

Overeaters Anonymous is continuing to hold its newcomer introductory meeting by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month and its regular Greenbelt meeting by Zoom or phone at 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program modelled after Alcoholics Anonymous that provides help and recovery for those troubled by overeating, undereating or other food-related behaviors. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or visit its D.C. region website at [oa-dcmetro.org](http://oa-dcmetro.org).

## Free Student Meals At Greenbelt Schools

Meal pickup and delivery will be free for all Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students through Thursday, December 31. All schools in Greenbelt serve as meal distribution sites. Students picking up meals do not need identification. Parents and guardians should bring a student ID or most recent report card. It is possible to collect for others by bringing the appropriate student ID numbers.

Multi-day meals are available for pickup Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit the PGCPS website, [pgcps.org](http://pgcps.org), for more information and a list of delivery locations.

## Candlelight Vigil

The weekly candlelight vigil formerly held at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive has been relocated. It is now held on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the intersection of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, near the Shell station. The purpose of these vigils is to provide community members an opportunity to gather with candles and signs and to engage in dialogue to better understand one another and to understand issues of policing as well as sources of racism. All are welcome to join and it is not necessary for participants to bring a candle.

# Greenbelt Recreation Trying Out New Ways of Connecting

by Matthew Arbach



Ceramics hand-building students show off their pieces before dropping them off to be fired in the Community Center ceramics studio.

PHOTO BY JUDY GOLDBERG-STRASSLER

Greenbelt Recreation has been offering a full roster of programs that are online, in-person and a hybrid of the two. Pandemic safety measures will be in place for the in-person and hybrid classes. Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald stated that, "while no one would have chosen these circumstances, our staff have been exhilarated by the opportunities we have found to learn new skills and work together in creative ways." Recreation Director Greg Varda added that, "in March, the rug was pulled out from under us. Everything stopped on a dime. Yet, through determination and resilience, recreation staff figured out new ways to connect with the community and deliver programs."

Currently, the Recreation department is offering a total of 87 classes, not including programs at the Aquatic & Fitness Center, gym reservations and outdoor activities at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC). At present, fully on-site classes include archery, circus, ballet, contemporary dance fit club and raku workshop. On-site activities include: recess, ceramics open studio, water walking, lap swimming and recreational swimming at the Aquatic Center, the fitness wing at the Fitness Center, outdoor activities at the SHLRC, limited

family gym reservations, Moonlit Movies and Fall Family Fun Week. Hybrid programs include: Mom's Morning Out, youth dance classes, adult ceramics classes, plein air painting and the virtual Gobble Wobble (which is offline, but on your own). In continuation are the following fully on-line classes and events: visual arts, fitness, scout programs, Greenbelt Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, artists' open studio tours and the upcoming Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair and holiday programming.

In the fall line-up, 16 dance classes are being offered. Ages 1 to 4 can attend through Zoom, the Dance Together program that parents and children can both participate in, with access to pre-recorded content on demand and a Fun Kit that includes stickers and rhythm instruments. Ages 3 to 5 have an opportunity to enjoy weekly Zoom sessions and optional weekend outside events over a six-week period, along with a Fun Kit. Ages 9 to teen have three paths to choose from: weekly Zoom meetings with optional weekend outdoor events, weekly Zoom with an option for rehearsals on-site at the Community Center gym and a weekly on-site class at the Community Center gym.

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**GREENBELT ACCESS TELEVISION**  
Friday November 6 - Thursday November 12

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7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	GATE Classic Film ★ Film Noir • 1945	• Scarlet Street • Edward G Robinson • Joan Bennett • Directed by Fritz Lang
11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight	• GATE Community Producers
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News
1 pm	Science Bowl PGCPS	• Scotchtown Hills v Woodmore • Mataponi v Northview
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## From the Archives

# Political Discord & Harmony: Part of Greenbelt's History

by Jeannette Connors

What a difference a year – or three – makes. Some of the best illustrations of Greenbelt's evolving political atmosphere in the 1960s are the events that took place in the city during a three-ring circus of summer seasons.

The Greenbelt Community Festival (what is now the Labor Day Festival) began in 1955 with the aim of raising funds to build and maintain a Greenbelt Youth Center. The inaugural Festival was advertised as "an exciting three-ring circus of dancing in the streets and the biggest parade that has ever been assembled in this area." The Festival drew record crowds and was a glittering success. It continued through the next decade to become a bigger, more elaborate affair and a unique tradition in Greenbelt.

The 1966 Festival was shaping up to be a success as well. Numerous organizations were set to participate, among them the Committee for Peace in Vietnam (CPVN), the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. In a letter to the News Review editor a few months before the Festival, the American Legion wrote that they did not oppose the position of the CPVN, rather they supported the position of our country and were uninterested in lending their name to any activity that helped the CPVN to publicly air their views. The Disabled American Veterans took a similar position and both veterans organizations said they would withdraw from the festival if the CPVN was allowed to participate.

In a last-minute decision, the Festival Committee banned the CPVN from participating. Their decision was based on the fact



David Eisenhower and Julie Nixon attending the 1968 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival parade as grand marshals.

that this was a "community affair with its goal that of raising funds for our youth and other civic organizations" and said it would not be consistent with Festival aims to allow political organizations to participate. Council supported the decision and said the Festival was "never intended to be used for the promotion of political organizations or political causes."

Letters to the editor came in support of and against the decision. One letter said the CPVN had one purpose: "disseminating literature against participation by the United States in the Vietnamese struggle," and that "the other organizations have ideological positions, but their activities in the Labor Day Festival are through a different arm of the organizations."

Another letter expressed shock and asked how "these two veterans' organizations, which have

long and vociferously advocated the American way of life, could allow the Committee to so blatantly contradict that very concept, as manifested in the healthy American tradition of airing honest differences of opinion in a peaceful manner."

In response to the decision, the CPVN held a forum at the Center School concurrently with the Festival. The forum's take-away message, as reported in the paper, was that "certain organizations claim to be concerned with the defense of democratic American institutions and yet forget the first principles of free speech."

In August of 1967 at a special meeting of the Festival Committee and participants, a motion was passed to grant the CPVN a booth in that year's Festival. A motion was also put forward

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## Sarah Lick and Ethan Eagle Celebrate Nuptials at New Deal



As captured by a friend of the bride, Ethan Eagle and Sarah Lick enjoy their patio wedding reception at the New Deal Café.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL SILVERMAN

New Greenbelt residents, Sarah Jane Lick and Dr. Walter 'Ethan' Eagle held their recent nuptials in Greenbelt. They were married on Saturday, October 17, in their backyard, overlooking the playground at Plateau Place and Ridge Road (and on Zoom). The bride and groom held a small, socially distanced ceremony without any family present. However, they were happy to share the moment with a small gathering of close friends. They hope all residents of Greenbelt are able to appreciate some small joys, celebrating their own loves and recall that there is still much to live for, even under these difficult times.

The bride hails from Minnesota and is a coffee roaster and customer service specialist for

Small Planes Coffee, a third-wave coffee roastery located in D.C., just outside the National Arboretum (where she occasionally lunches on nice summer days).

The bridegroom is a current faculty member and also alumnus ('06) of the University of Maryland, College of Engineering. His doctorate is in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan.

The happy couple would like to extend grateful thanks to the community of Greenbelt for the stewardship of a wonderful place that they are excited to call home. Their reception was held at the New Deal Café, where both Ethan and Sarah are regular patio guests.

"It behoveth man to adhere tenaciously unto that which will promote fellowship, kindliness and unity."

– Bahá'u'lláh



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# City Information & Events

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## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2020 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Introduction of City Treasurer
- Recognition Group - Update from Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society (CHEARS) on Environmental Program
- The Greenbelt COVID-19 Mask Makers

#### Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

- Greenbelt Public Safety Petition to City Council

### Administrative Reports

#### Committee Reports

- \* Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report # 2020-08 - (Notes from Public Scoping Workshop about Forest Preserve Trail Maintenance)

### LEGISLATION

- Eviction Freeze Ordinance 2nd Reading, Adoption

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Submission of PY 47 (7/1/21-6/30/22) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
- FY21 Recognition Groups-- Greenbelt Babe Ruth and Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League."
- FY 2021 - FY 2026 Draft Consolidated Transportation Program
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \* Request to Extend the Greenbelt Archive Project's Lease
- \* Reappointments to Advisory Boards

### MEETINGS-Scheduling of Future Meetings

**COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL** Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv)

**Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)**

In advance the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov)

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Board of Elections
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

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**GREENBELT RECREATION**

## VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 9-13

Monday, November 9 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Crime Prevention, Voter Registration, Youth Voting in Howard County

Monday, November 9 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv)

Tuesday, November 10 at 8:00pm **SPECIAL MEETING-CLOSED SESSION**-See notice below.

Thursday, November 12 at 7:30pm **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** On the Agenda: Introduction of the Phase 1 Beltway Plaza Detailed Site Plan and Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update Schedule

Thursday, November 12 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)**. On the Agenda: Community Feedback, Greenbelt Fair & Just Policing Act Proposal, CRAB Representative for Greenbelt SCMAGLEV Opposition Task Force, Council Referral on Racial Equity Legislation, Reports from CRAB and Next Meeting Date.

**This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov).**

## SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM**

City Council Virtual Meeting will be held online \*The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session with the dial-in information provided below.

Resident Dial-in for observation: Join By Phone: (301) 715-8592; Meeting ID: 504 646 3594; Password: 736144

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov)

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. virtually by Zoom to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) City Manager compensation.

**Bonita Anderson, City Clerk**

## SHREDDING DAY

**Saturday, November 7**

**9 AM – 12 NOON**

**(or until the truck is full)**

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For more information, call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004

## DRIVE-UP DOG PARK PERMIT REGISTRATION



**Saturday, November 14th**

**3:00pm-6:00pm**

**Greenbelt Dog Park**

**Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt MD**

What you will need to bring:

Proof of residency, proof of vaccines (rabies and distemper),  
Proof of county license(must bring yellow/white receipt)  
Fee of \$10 for residents or \$30 for non-residents. Cash or checks ONLY

No appointments needed to apply for a Dog Park Permit during this event!

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE-WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9

Monday Route: Monday

Tuesday Route: Tuesday

Wednesday Route: Thursday

Thursday Route: Friday

There will be no appliance, metals, hard plastics, or yard-waste collections on Friday, November 13th

## Green Ridge House Opens Waiting List

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from November 9 thru 13, 2020 and November 16 thru 20, 2020.

Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older. All applicants must have with them a valid State ID or Driver's License and their Social Security card. We cannot accept an application without these two items. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$44,100 for individuals and \$50,400 for couples. All apartments are one-bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply. Green Ridge House is a Non-Smoking Building.

For information on how to apply, please see [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/greenridgehouse](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/greenridgehouse)

the building. This allows staff to sanitize the area so that the next prospects can come in at the top of the hour.

## WEED WARRIORS

**Invasive Plant Pull Saturday, November 7**

**10am-1pm**

**Buddy Attick Park**

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times.

### Reminders:

- Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes
- Bring your reusable water bottle
- High school students: remember your service-learning forms
- Masks must be worn at all times

**Volunteers must register with Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, by emailing [kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov)**

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asked if they felt differently after taking the oath, daughter Nora said, "I always felt like a citizen even with my Green Card. I felt like I belonged here." Son Ali, a 2020 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the 9-year-old twins, Tuqa and Zainab, all under 18, will qualify for citizenship by filling out an N-600 form. Wife Batool is studying to improve her English for her citizenship test.

The family immigrated from Iraq. Hassan's educated family was no shield against the impact of war under Saddam Hussein. No jobs; no future. He worked as a barber and then as an interpreter for the American troops. "Of the 11 men who served the American troops with me, only one other man survived. It makes me sad," and he dropped his gaze. After Batool's brother was killed going about his daily activities, it spurred their decision to emigrate. "We wanted more for our five children," Batool explained through an interpreter.

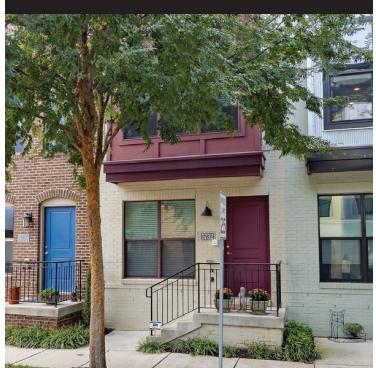
The family was paired with a resettlement organization that sent them to Maryland. When they inquired as to where the best high school was, they were told Eleanor Roosevelt and the family settled in Franklin Park in Greenbelt.

I asked Nora, a 2017 graduate, and Mohammed, a 2018 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt, about the adjustment of going to a new school and the language barrier. "We studied English every day in Iraq. We learned 10 verbs and 10 adjectives every day," he recalls. "By the time I was 10, I could speak fluently." Nora shared

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that at Eleanor Roosevelt, there is a multi-cultural atmosphere. "There's a club for everyone," so she joined the Muslim Student Association. There was one sticking point, she was in an ESOL class – English for Speakers of Other Languages – and she didn't feel academically challenged. "I crammed all summer. I read lots of literature and tested out." She credits her ESOL teacher with encouraging her. She is currently a student at the University of Maryland studying biology and hoping to eventually study medicine.

Mohammed is a student at Prince George's Community College where he is studying computer engineering. He will complete his studies and then look for a job in his field to get real-life experience. This fall, brother Ali makes the third Alyasiri to continue his studies at Prince George's Community College.

Both brothers and sister have been listening to the news reports and have been making up their minds for whom they wish to vote. Hassan asked clarifying questions about his ballot to help him make a decision.

"In Iraq we were taught the government is wonderful. But there was no opportunity to vote," states Hassan. Asked what was informing his voting decisions, Mohammed said, "My goal is to live in peace. You have this tag above your name and people use it as an excuse to tear people apart. Bad people do bad things in the name of ... [whatever]. I don't know who they voted for. What I do know is that as flawed as this thing we call democracy is, we have elections, local and national, to improve it and make it stronger. It may always be a work in progress, but 'We the People' must mean all the people."

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elected official, as a mayor, I want to emphasize the importance of helping others in the form of public policy," Byrd said. "It may not be sexy. It may not necessarily be fun. It may not be cool, but public policy can change lives. And in fact, for Black males, public policy can literally save lives."

For Byrd, policy changes in the form of police reform initiatives are necessary. In Greenbelt, Byrd has proposed the Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020, which addresses banning the use of excessive force and making officer disciplinary records and complaints available to the public.

During his address, Byrd advocated for required body cameras, statewide standards for use of force and required regular mental and physical health assessments. He also endorsed the repeal of the Maryland Law En-

forcement Officers' Bill of Rights and the reform of the Maryland Public Information Act to ensure officers cannot shield their records from the public.

"Where we go from here is instilling the utmost pride in our Black boys," Byrd said, concluding his address. "Where we go from here is to ensure that Black Lives Matter."

Byrd's keynote address and the panel discussion can be viewed at [facebook.com/watch/?v=796612794241816&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://facebook.com/watch/?v=796612794241816&ref=watch_permalink).

*Julia Arbutus is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.*



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## Greenbelt Engineer Supports Youth Robotics Initiatives

by Kait Levinson

Robots and computers were on the list of treats for Halloween as the Greenbelt Rotary Club hosted a coding event, Schromfest, at the Capitol Christian Academy on Saturday, October 31.

Students learned how to write computer code to control the navigation and movement of small robots to "restart our youth initiative with the Girls That Code event," said co-host Vijay Kowtha, a mathematical engineer who resides in Greenbelt.

Participants arrived at the Wagner Gym where a small pen took up most of the floor space. In it were obstacles like exercise balls and tubes that littered the ground. Resting in one corner were three robots that were not much larger than the footballs scattered around them.

"Robotics is very attractive to kids," said Dr. Raj Dasgupta, an employee at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory who resides in Springfield, Va. He wants to "teach beyond robots" and introduce kids to more areas of engineering like artificial intelligence.

Dasgupta has been conducting research with various schools around the country since 2009. He visits organizations like schools and summer camps to encourage students studying STEM.

His current goal is to send the robots to under-privileged communities so they can enjoy the same learning opportunities as more fortunate areas. Kowtha said the ability to mentor young students is what he is most keen on.

Breyana Edwards, a Greenbelt student, is currently under Kowtha's tutelage. As part of Kowtha's mentoring program, Edwards also teaches and helps younger students who want to get into coding and robots.



PHOTO BY KAIT LEVINSON

**Dr. Raj Dasgupta, left, watches as a student, Siddharth Padithaya, 15, types code into his computer and Breyana Edwards, 15, right, copies notes from the projector.**

"I had no idea what I was doing," Edwards said on getting started with robotics. "Now I know more than I thought I could."

Edwards is the captain of the all-girls robotics team known as the Bladerunners 6893 and a member of the AirTigers 8197 team.

Kowtha and Dasgupta received \$2,500 in grant money for the Bladerunners 6893 on Saturday, and are now working to raise the same amount for the AirTigers 8197 for November.

The robots Dasgupta built run on a computer called Raspberry Pi, which can connect the robot to a person's computer over Wi-Fi. The cost of a Raspberry Pi robot is over \$200 a unit, but he hopes that by building more he can earn grant money to fund additional projects.

Dasgupta explained that the machines they were programming behaved similarly to humans. "The computer turns its code into electric signals that the robot picks up, much like how our brains send signals to our nerves to move our bodies," he said.

"Research is not the end of it," Dasgupta said. "It's good to get young kids interested."

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A Review

## The Dark Revenger's Tragedy: Live, Dark Comedy on Zoom

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY JAKI DEMAREST

Taking the format of live Zoom theater in weird new directions, the Rude Mechanicals, in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center, presented The Revenger's Tragedy, a creepy and violent dark comedy appropriate for a Halloween weekend.

In this play, characters strut and fret their hour upon a stage rife with ambition, intrigue, deceit and murder, sprinkled with a hefty dose of maniacal laughter. Costumes are rich and decadent, with characters sporting shiny metallic blazers and elaborate half-masks that warp the features while doing little to conceal the characters' identities.

This production steps outside the boxes of the Zoom screen, using frameless single-character shots against unifying black-velvet backgrounds to give a noir feeling to the production. This single-person technique is especially effective since the characters do not truly communicate, monologuing even when they are supposedly talking to one another, and not only when stroking the red-wigged skull of a poisoned wife.

Putting on a play on Zoom is as complicated in its own way as staging a play traditionally. Director Jaki Demarest creatively covered graphics, sound, costumes and props for the production with assistant directors Ed Starr and Alan Duda (also "Zoominatographer"). A number of aptly se-

lected songs enhanced the mood for the show throughout.

In theater circles, "original practices" is a set of staging conventions used to recreate audience conditions experienced during the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras. Features include less separation between audience and actor (no proscenium and often no stage), ambient lighting throughout the room (such as at the recreated Globe Theatre in London, where the roof is open to the sky) and, perhaps most importantly, direct address, where the actors approach, address their lines to, interact with or even physically touch audience members. The Rude Mechanicals made a virtue of Zoom conventions with this production of one of the most notorious Jacobean dramas, staring straight into the viewers' eyes, and casually lounging about, achieving a disconcerting level of intimacy exactly as the play required.

Wes Dennis brings intensity and precision to the tormented

Vindici, the primary character who seeks revenge for the murder of his wife. His duplicity plays beautifully on screen as he laughs with his intended targets and then suddenly skewers the audience with his deadly furious gaze.

The play features arresting and memorable archetypal characters like Lussurioso (Chris Fomina), a character rotten to the core because of his luxurious lifestyle, and Supervacuo (Justin Bigelow), an idiot whose only response to life is laughter that is giddy yet imbued with a feral aura of menace. It's hard to find any redeeming qualities to the characters in this play. Instead, the point of the Revenger's Tragedy is that revenge is not an innocent project, it is corrosive, destructive and calamitous even when the targets are depraved and irredeemable. Although the play was published anonymously, it is usually credited to Thomas Middleton, one of Shakespeare's most talented contemporaries, whose work is laced with cynicism. The Rude Mechanicals revel in the foibles of these base and self-centered characters.

The play is available to watch on YouTube through [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org). Proceeds from donations will benefit Greenbelt Arts Center's efforts to continue to provide live theater during quarantine.



The US Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) announced in the *Federal Register* on November 6, 2020 the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the **Proposed Construction and Operation of a Replacement Currency Production Facility (CPF) at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)** in Prince George's County, Maryland. The Proposed Action would construct and operate an up to 1 million square-foot CPF within the National Capital Region (NCR). In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Draft EIS analyzes potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts and recommends mitigation measures to reduce potential adverse impacts.

The Proposed Action would replace Treasury's existing and obsolete currency production functions located in downtown Washington, DC (DC Facility), and would provide Treasury with a modern, scalable, sufficiently sized production facility within the NCR that meets Treasury's needs. The Proposed Action would result in more efficient currency production, while allowing Treasury to maintain its presence within the NCR. Following construction of the Proposed Action, currency manufacturing at the DC Facility would be phased out.

The *Federal Register* announcement initiated a 45-day public comment period during which Treasury is seeking your input. Treasury will consider your comments and use them to prepare and publish a Final EIS before making any decision regarding Proposed Action implementation. The Draft EIS and related informational materials are available for review online on the project website: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project>. If you cannot access the Draft EIS materials online, please send a request for information to the below address.

Please submit written comments on the Draft EIS or requests for additional information to:

**ATTN. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) Project EIS**  
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Baltimore District Planning Division  
2 Hopkins Plaza, 10th Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201 **or**  
[BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil)

**Treasury is also holding a virtual public meeting** regarding the Draft EIS and invites your participation. This virtual public meeting includes (1) an online reading room, available at <https://bep-eis.consultation.ai/> for the duration of the public comment period, that contains informational materials, and (2) a public webinar on December 2, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The link to the public webinar is available on the project website: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project>; alternatively, you may call in by phone to 1-866-692-3580 using access code 130 592 2057. Verbal comments will be accepted during the public webinar.

Treasury requests your comments on the Draft EIS be sent by December 21, 2020 to ensure equitable consideration in the Final EIS. If you have any further questions about the Proposed Action, you may contact Mr. Harvey Johnson, USACE – Baltimore District, Programs and Project Management Division, by email at [BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil). Treasury has also established a webpage that contains additional information about the Proposed Action, including a Digital EIS (i.e., a digital representation of the data presented in the Draft EIS) on the project website: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project>.

# Springhill Lake Art Program Thrives Despite Pandemic

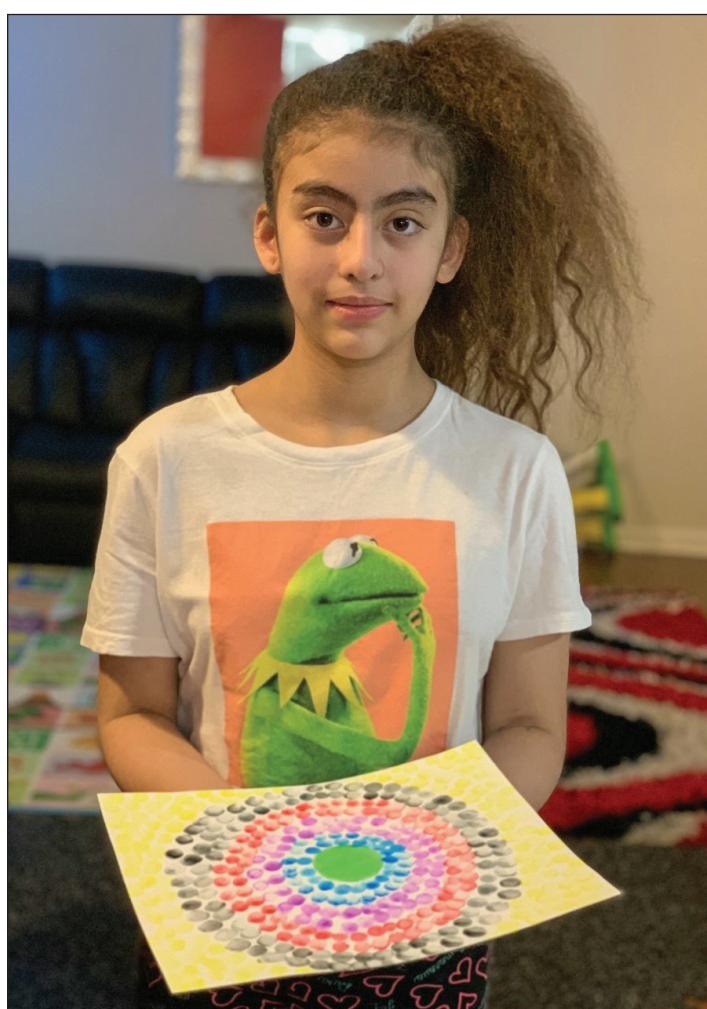
by Mya Zepp

The Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) after-school art program, coordinated by Greenbelt Recreation, has been thriving for over 10 years and is continuing to do so amid the global pandemic. The art program at local schools started when arts staff realized that after-school classes held at the Community Center were not getting a lot of attention because, they assumed, it was difficult for parents to take their children there at that time of day. The program is free to students from first to fifth grades at SHLES, thanks to grant support from the city and the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council.

During the pandemic the classes were moved to a virtual format. When students sign up for the online version of the program, they get an art-supply bag delivered to their home, full of paintbrushes, a watercolor paint set, various kinds of paper, crayons and glue sticks, among other things. "The kids are very engaged – they really enjoy doing the art," said Anne Gardner, program coordinator and arts education specialist.

Primary instructor Aaron Springer and assistant Elizabeth Gardner run the program along with – in its pre-pandemic incarnation – University of Maryland student volunteers. Springer has been with the program for two years and for Gardner, this is her first year. "With 30-plus kids, it can get a little hectic, but we have a lot of help," said Springer.

Before the pandemic, the program was held in a multipurpose room in SHLES once a week for an hour after school. Kids were able to get a lot of one-on-one time with instructors, which has become almost impossible during the pandemic. The program, though virtual, is doing its best to prevent Zoom fatigue. "Nothing substitutes for individual person-to-person interaction, but we are adjusting," said Springer. The program is split between once-a-week Zoom meetings and YouTube videos that are open to everyone in the school, even if



Ariana shows her artwork, inspired by local artist Alma Thomas from the Washington Color School.

they have not signed up for the program.

Students enrolled in the art program learn about drip and poured paintings, paper sculptures and collage, among other things. Currently, students are exploring art from the Washington Color School and creating their own art, inspired by what they see. "It's been challenging to bring these classes to the community via YouTube videos and Zoom. We are continuing to do a solid job of rising to the occasion," said Springer.

According to Anne Gardner, they have seen lower enrollment this year, with only 18 kids in the current session, but that was expected. Despite that, the YouTube videos are getting upwards of 200 views. "I think it's great that all these kids are getting

the opportunity to do art," said Gardner.

Session one of four is coming to an end, and the instructors are gearing up for a new group of students to teach about the world of art. Though they likely will not be meeting in person anytime soon, they are still working hard to make sure the kids have a good time. "I want to stay in this class forever, even when I'm old," said one student. After 10 years and one global pandemic, the after-school art program at SHLES continues to thrive.

*Mya Zepp is a University of Maryland journalism student reporting for the News Review.*

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Annual Membership Meeting  
November 7, 2020

#### Mindfulness for the holidays:

A virtual workshop on November 14th, 9:30 AM to 3 PM

During this virtual workshop, mindfulness teacher Heidi Schuttenberg will share practices for taking care of yourself and others during the holiday season. The workshop is offered by donation. For more information and to register, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/mindful-holidays/home> or contact: [heidi.schuttenberg@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.schuttenberg@gmail.com)

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**CO-OP SUPERMARKET BOARD ELECTION**

November 7, 10 am

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University of Maryland Terps for Change program, there is even more customized service.

The city is exploring the possibility of adapting the Clubhouse for COVID-19 safety, featuring individual, mobile learning pods, with the help of CARES Act funding. The old elbow-to-elbow,

"there's always room to squeeze in one more chair" atmosphere may be gone forever. But the Clubhouse is available and adaptable, and the mission to prepare Greenbelters for a more secure and successful life deserves a safe space.

## HISTORY continued from page 4

that all recognized organizations in Greenbelt could participate only if they offered no more than either entertainment or refreshments. The CPVN said they would not take part if they had to sell or entertain. They withdrew and the Festival was held "with the controversial issue still hanging over the festivities like a dark cloud."

After two contentious Festivals, it was difficult to know what to expect in 1968. The Festival Committee, however, made a telling statement: "We're having political overtones all over the place." Indeed, the Festival had invited David Eisenhower and Julie Nixon to participate as parade marshals, a fortune teller sponsored by the Greenbelt Republican Club and an old-fashioned political rally sponsored

by the Young Republicans, who later said "our organization has always known Greenbelt as a friendly town, but never did we fully realize the true depth of its well-deserved civic pride or the extent of its warm, friendly atmosphere until we joined its Labor Day Festival activities."

That year's festival brought back the original aims of the event – healthful entertainment and community fundraising – as well as a "third ring of the circus": people of diverse political beliefs coming together to show Greenbelt's spirit of harmony.

Information for this article was obtained from issues of the Greenbelt News Review published in 1955 through 1968. Digital versions are available at [greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives).



Frankie and Ellie preside over the pumpkin patch on the Co-op entrance ramp.

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## Robbery

October 27, 8:03 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. The operator of an ice cream truck saw three men walk around it and then walk away. They returned a short time later, when one man displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After getting money, another one ordered the operator to open the truck door, but then all three men fled on foot.

October 27, 10:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man agreed to sell sneakers to someone he knows but as the transaction was about to take place, two other men approached and one of them took the sneakers from his feet. All three men then assaulted the seller. The investigation is ongoing.

## Assault

October 23, 1:54 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A witness saw someone assault a man with a baseball bat then flee on foot. The injured man was uncooperative and was transported to a local hospital for treatment of head lacerations.

October 27, 9:11 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A man arranged to purchase a laptop computer over social media and agreed to meet to complete the transaction. The buyer drove to the location in a vehicle described as a dark-colored muscle car, exited it and then threw the seller to the ground. A second person yelled for someone to shoot the seller. The buyer then struck the seller in the face with an unknown object. Both men then got into the vehicle and fled.

## Theft

October 22, 3:13 p.m., 100 block Hedgewood Drive. A black skateboard, pink 20" bicycle, gray Trek mountain bike and a white and purple 20" Schwinn bicycle were taken from the front porch and driveway of a residence.

October 25, 7:20, 7511 Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from a table at Chevy's Restaurant.

October 26, 7:57 p.m., 6010 Springhill Drive. A man dropped his wallet, which was retrieved by another person. As he was getting it, two people he knows walked up to him and one grabbed it and fled. Both men were located and the money was

returned to its owner. The owner of the wallet declined any further police action.

October 27, 201 Lakeside Drive. A parcel was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

## Trespassing

October 28, 10 a.m., 6113 Breezewood Court. A 40-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found in a vacant apartment by officers who responded to a report of a trespasser. The man was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglary

October 24, 1:43 p.m., 406 Ridge Road. A man in his bedroom heard noises coming from his living room. Officers cleared the residence and found no one inside and found no sign of forced entry.

## Vandalism

October 23, 8:30 a.m., 7100 Greenbelt Road. Spray paint was used to vandalize the former National Guard armory.

October 23, 11:41 p.m., 9314 Edmonston Road. A man was cut by glass when the window of his bedroom was broken by a rock. He declined medical treatment.

## Vehicle Crime

Four vehicles were taken, two Honda CRVs and two Jeep Cherokees. The silver Honda, 2003 with Maryland tags 7DL6983, was stolen from the Shell Food Mart when someone drove off in it. A black Honda with temporary Maryland tags, 2077863T, was taken from 9102 Springhill Lane.

A black 2000 Jeep Cherokee with Maryland tags 3DL6659 was taken from 44 Court Ridge Road. A 2015 Jeep Cherokee stolen from 7300 Greenbelt Road was located the next day. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle at 7702 Hanover Parkway.

Four thefts occurred after windows were broken out to gain access. Power tools were taken from 8007 Mandan Road, loose change from Edmonston Court near Edmonston Road and money from 7805 Mandan Road. An attempted theft also occurred at the latter location but it is not known if anything was taken.

Windows were broken in the 6320 block Golden Triangle Drive, 9001 Breezewood Terrace and 7200 Hanover Drive.

A vehicle at 9118 Edmonston Court was spray painted.



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Some Greenbelt citizens wanted to show appreciation and give a huge thank you to these dedicated first responders on October 28, just in time for Halloween. Officers are, from left, Officer Davis, Officer Aud, Sgt. Parsley, Cpl. Yankowy, Officer Murray and Officer Joyner. Ghosts and goblins are, from left, Marlene McAuley, Robert Snyder, Claudia Jones and Kathy Reynolds.

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## Green Ridge House Opens Waiting List

### Requirements needed to qualify :

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from November 9 thru 13, 2020 and from November 16 thru 20, 2020. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older. All applicants must have with them a valid State ID or Driver's License and their Social Security card. We cannot accept an application without these two items. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$44,100 for individuals and \$50,400 for couples. All apartments are one-bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply. Green Ridge House is a Non-Smoking Building.

Due to Covid-19 the process to fill out an application will be very different from past years. We will require everyone to follow strict protocol. Green Ridge House is considered an "at risk" apartment complex for seniors so, we are taking every precaution to keep everyone safe. The following are the steps that must be taken to fill out an application.

1. Have you or anyone that you live with or are in contact with been sick within the last 10 days? If yes, you will not be able to fill out an application.
2. You MUST wear a mask to enter Green Ridge House and we will be checking temperatures.
3. You must call 301-474-7595 to make an appointment to fill out an application. We will be making three appointments at the top of every hour. Appointments will be made for 10am, 11am, 2pm and 3pm. We will start accepting phone calls to make appointments beginning November 2, 2020, Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4pm. We are advising everyone to be very prompt. If you are late, you will still be required to leave at half past the hour.
4. Only applicants will be permitted in the building to fill out the applications. If you are an individual with a disability that needs assistance filling out the application and you have someone you can bring with you to assist you in the application process, please advise us of this situation when you call to make your appointment and we will provide the necessary arrangements.
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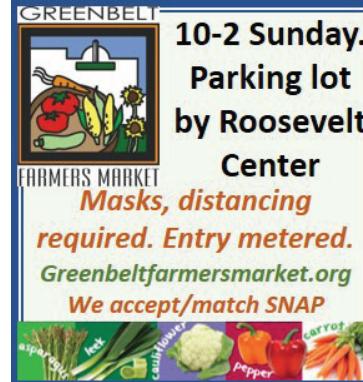
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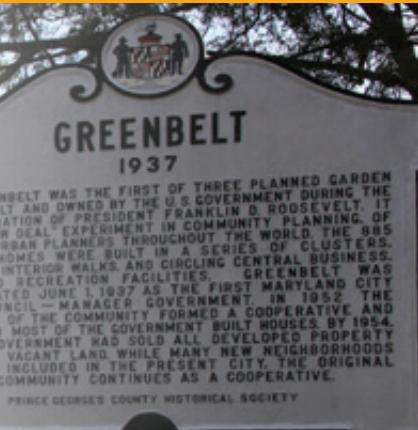
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absorbed back into the community stream and it was a win for everybody.

### 360-Degree Benefits

ARC is not the only organization in the vicinity to have benefited from the industry of Greenbelt's sewmeisters. Since March, the Greenbelt group has provided nearly 10,000 masks within Greenbelt and to civic associations, charities and hospital support groups. Most have gone to the immediate area in and around the city and the group has responded generously to all comers. Masks have been supplied, for example, to Green Ridge House, Doctors Hospital and its outreach groups, Prince George's Hospital Center and to Children's Hospital groups. Though the demand by the medical profession dropped as industrial products became available, ancillary hospital groups providing family support and in-home care continue, even now, to need help.

### Masks in Greenbelt

In particular, the Greenbelt police have distributed close to 3,000 masks (mostly made by mask-making champion Sylvia Hester) during the busy summer season at Greenbelt Lake. The Greenbelt Farmers Market is also still distributing 10 to 20 weekly and will continue to do so until the market season ends in December (holiday-themed masks are available). The masks are free but donations are warmly welcomed. All donations from the masks go directly to the purchase of Co-op Supermarket gift cards that are given to the St. Hugh of Grenoble food pantry – this currently averages ~\$70 per week. These gifts supplement non-perishable distributions by the pantry, allowing recipients to

purchase much-appreciated fresh fruits, vegetables, bread and dairy products at Co-op. To date, these donations have sent over \$3,000 in gift vouchers to needy families in Greenbelt.

### The Beat Goes On

Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition – and none of the mask makers really expected nine months later to still be churning out masks. The supply of fabric has been renewed multiple times – 10,000 masks is equivalent to 1,000 yards of fabric – enough to wrap around the Greenbelt library about 50 times (in very round numbers)! Laid end to end, the masks (excluding ties!) would stretch from Beltway Plaza to Greenway Shopping Center. Hundreds of yards of elastic, thousands of yards of thread and several sewing machines needing 20,000-mile tune-ups have gone into the mix.

And it's not over. The demand continues and there's plenty of cheerful fabric in the box, lots of expertise in efficient sewing and there continues to be a warm and loving spirit in the group. More information is available for those wishing to participate at [facebook.com/groups/GreenbeltCovid19FaceMask](https://facebook.com/groups/GreenbeltCovid19FaceMask).

The group is grateful for the donated fabric and notions received from many a Greenbelt attic, and for the generous gift to the Freedom Foundation by Eric Case of [myaffordablecoverage.com](http://myaffordablecoverage.com) that provided materials for the masks distributed at the Lake. For the mask makers, distributors and wearers – there has been the satisfaction of a joint effort where it is entirely reasonable to believe that lives have been saved.

## Sunrise Tract Gets Its Own New Forest Preserve Sign

by Donna Hoffmeister



PHOTO BY DONNA HOFFMEISTER

The new Forest Preserve sign is on Hanover Parkway.

Greenbelt Public Works parks crew recently constructed and installed a sign that identifies the Sunrise Tract as a unit of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. The Sunrise Tract consists of 10 forested acres on the west side of Hanover Parkway at Hanover Drive, next to the Greenbelt Dog Park.

The city purchased the Sunrise Tract in November 2003 after negotiations related to construction of the nearby U.S. Post Office on Ora Glen Drive (see page 1 article in [greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20031218.pdf](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20031218.pdf)). The forest consists mostly of oak and hickory with some maples and pines. A stream just outside

the Sunrise Tract's eastern and southern boundary flows into Greenbelt Park's Still Creek, a tributary of the Anacostia River.

The Sunrise Tract has attracted attention recently because the proposed I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Project could take about one fourth of the tract (about 2.5 acres), even though it is legally protected for conservation and recreation. If this land is used for a widened highway, it would significantly diminish the area of the Sunrise Tract, reducing the existing forest and the wildlife that makes use of the area.

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# Greenbelt Halloween



Residents of 15 Court Laurel Hill Road - Linda Seely, Dan Plattner and Mary Ernsberger - await trick or treaters.

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Theo McElhenny, dressed as a clown, leaps at an outdoor event for the Greenbelt Recreation Dance the World class at the Community Center.

PHOTO BY GABRIELA D'ANDREA



Darth Vader waits with bags of goodies for socially distant trick-or-treaters on Saturday.

PHOTO BY FLORY LIETZ



The Musical Theater Tap 6 class dances in the Community Center Gym.

PHOTO BY VIOLA PITTS



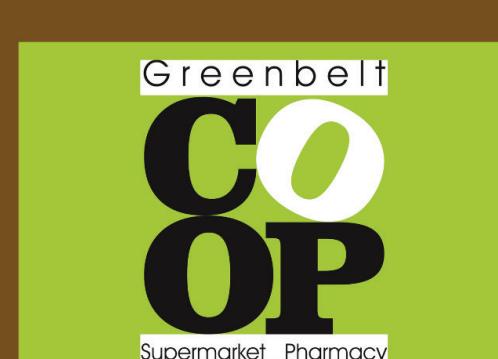
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Mary Wilson, dressed as a flying pig, leaps at an outdoor event for the Ballet Theater Club.



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McKenna Lynch as a fairy holds her balance at the Storybook Theater outdoor event in the "Dance Garden."



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According to DeWald, safety measures that have been put in place at all on-site and hybrid programs include: outdoor meeting areas, restricted access to indoor facilities, a mask wearing requirement indoors, health screenings (pre-checks at home and on-site screening) and physical distancing. Staff will receive the American Red Cross COVID-19 safety training. Further safety protocols include indoor sanitizing between uses, plexiglass barriers, hand sanitizer stations and following established protocols for responding to possible exposure risks.

In regard to the response from the community, DeWald said that, "it has been very positive. Patrons have different needs and levels of risk tolerance. Providing programs in a variety of formats has enabled us to meet participants where they are." Assistant Director of Facilities Joe McNeal reported an "exceptional and remarkable response, with patrons appreciative of the close attention to safety."

Attendance figures for Summer 2020 were, 267 enrollments in Summer Connect online camps and 364 enrollments in online classes. The Fall 2020 attendance figures were, 604 enrollments in classes and open studio programs

with the statistical breakdown at 68 percent online, 15 percent hybrid and 16 percent fully on-site.

DeWald noted that, "while our online programs have a great deal of value, we recognize that there is no substitute for the camaraderie, joy, inspiration and exhilaration of shared in-person experiences." She added, "we are heartened by the open-mindedness of our patrons who are growing right along with us, experimenting with new ways of connecting."

Angella Foster, director of studio dance programs, expressed her deep appreciation for the city's indispensable support in keeping recreation alive in Greenbelt. After almost 25 years of teaching, she has had to learn how to use and incorporate new formats in order to present course content. DeWald said that this varied approach will continue into the winter schedule. Varda said, "I believe that the pandemic made the Recreation department a stronger unified group. We learned that in order to best serve the community, we would need to support each other, share ideas and work as a group. There is still work to be done and we are ready to take on whatever is in front of us."



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